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## GRADS Advisory Group Meeting

April 11, 2017

**Present:** Kristi Dominguez, Jeff McKenna, Michelle Wilhelm, Stephanie Schroeder, Geraldine, Coleman, Meagan Dawson, Darcie Donegan, Meghan Dunham, Julie Flint, Makenzie Foster, Debbie Haney, Maureen Hodge, Tracey Jaeger, Michelle Malone, Sophia Morales, Sarah Moran, Sandra Perez, Darci Peterson, Kim Peterson, Beth Schille-O'Connor, Erin Schuldt, Erin Shaffer, Johanna Williams, Barb Cummins, Tracy Dahlstedt-Rienstra, Raine Dozier, Susan Hymans, Byron Gerard, Vicki Lee, Carolina Olza-Kelsh,

**Members Excused/Absent:**

**Minutes:** Kris Newberry

Agenda Items	Discussion/Decisions
2:30 p.m. Welcome	Jeff opened to the meeting
2:45 p.m. GRADS: Why we do what we do!	The Outcome Evaluation and Benefit-Cost Analysis report from the Washington State Institute for Public Policy was distributed. The State is just beginning to collect data on post-secondary enrollment.
3:00 p.m. Business:	Scholarships: Two scholarship applications will be coming.  Prom: We have a number of students who want to attend Prom. Last year the board funded dinners for the couples. Men's Warehouse may donate tuxedos. Barb Cummins has a contact for a



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	<p>photographer. Meghan has a gift certificate for Anthony's for dinners. Some students have made appointments with YWCA to pick out gowns.</p> <p>Field Trips: Scheduled for WWU, BTC, WCC, Bellingham Public Schools</p> <p>Options High School Update: We'll be opening a third site at Options. Most likely there will be a delayed opening due to licensing. The preschool will not open next year, but we may open Meghan Dunham will be new GRADS teacher next year. It was mentioned that Keller Williams does an all-staff volunteer day. We will contact them.</p> <p>Work Teams: Committee members broke into group to discuss where they are at in their assigned work.</p> <p>Community Outreach: Can we get the Whatcom Insider magazine and the Leisure Guide to the high schools.</p> <p>Data: Ready to contact graduates and they have some questions they want to ask to collect data. Thinking about an annual barbeque for current and alumni students. Looking into a GRADS Facebook page.</p> <p>Volunteer pool: Perfect time to brain storm on how to develop a pool of volunteers.</p>
Reports: Childcare	<p>SqHS: 7 infants, 3 toddlers</p> <p>SHS: 3 infants and 4 toddlers. One student has just returned from maternity leave. It seems that several students are struggling as we near the end of the year.</p> <p>Groundbreaking has occurred at Sehome.</p>



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	<p>Whatcom Dispute Resolution Center will be providing parent education on conflict resolution and problem solving.</p> <p>We just completed parent education classes through BTC.</p> <p>Working on summer extension programs.</p>
Financial	<p>\$13,577.61 Scholarship Fund –Board approval needed (total includes 4 pending scholarships)</p> <p>\$1,946.54 Friend Raising – Board approval needed</p> <p>\$577.41 Lois Wahl – no prior approval necessary</p> <p>\$0.00 Diaper fund – no prior approval necessary</p> <p>\$91.81 Checking</p>
Announcements	
Meeting Schedule	<p><del>November 29, January 24, April 11, May 23</del></p> <p>2:30-4:00pm Location: Room 212</p>